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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Assistant Legislative Counsel

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SUBJECT

: GAO Study on Foreign Mineral Resources  
and Reserves

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1. I called Edward Welch, GAO, to try to define the specifics of the attached request.

2. Welch said the objective of the study is to determine what data on foreign mineral resources and reserves is collected within Government; how is it being utilized; and if the collection efforts are adequately meeting the requirements of consumers. In sum, are the Federal programs being efficiently run.

3. GAO focused on the Natural Resources Officers at State and want to talk to our people to fill out the collection picture. Welch understands that the Bureau of Mines collects on all non-Communist countries and CIA on all Communist countries. For example, he is aware of an Agency study on mineral reserves in Russia.

4. This is a self initiated study by GAO based on standing requirements with the energy committees of Congress. The report will be unclassified and any reference to CIA would be a general overview of our collection efforts.

5. Welch requested a meeting with our people to cover the above. Please advise if we can be of assistance. Your early response is appreciated.

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Attachment

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